MONEY CREEK TOWNSHIP HOUSTON COUNTY, MN

2025 Annual Meeting Secretary's Report March 11, 2025– 2:00 p.m.

The 2025 Annual Meeting of Money Creek Township was called to order by Clerk **Adam Florin** at 2:00 p.m. The clerk requested that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, which was then recited by the town.

Clerk Florin commented that the agenda for the meeting as well as the 2024 Financial Statement are available if anybody needs them. **Clerk Florin** also reminded everyone that election polls would be open at 3:30PM and remain open until 8:00pm for the Annual Election of Officers.

Clerk Florin asked for any nominations of Moderator of the Annual Town Meeting. **Paul Ledebuhr** motioned to appoint **Rich Nelson** as moderator. This motion was seconded by **Wayne Meyer**. **Diane Crane** motioned to appoint **Joan Redig** as moderator. This motion was seconded by **Steve Hartwick**. Clerk Florin asked for any additional nominations; there were none.

Clerk Florin called for a vote to cease nominations, so moved by Marianne Zerbe. This motion was seconded by Wayne Meyer. Clerk Florin called for a vote on the motion to cease nominations, which unanimously passed. Clerk Florin called for a vote on the 2 nominations for moderators; Rich Nelson or Joan Redig. The vote was 7-5 in favor of Joan Redig serving as moderator of the meeting.

Moderator Redig called for the reading of the Secretary's Report. The Clerk read aloud the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes. Moderator **Redig** called for additions or corrections to the 2024, minutes; of which there were none. Moderator **Redig** asked for motions to approve the Secretary's Report as read. So moved by **Wayne Meyer**. This motion was seconded by **Rich Schild**. Moderator **Redig** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

Moderator Redig called for the reading of the Treasurer's Report. **Treasurer Terrie Deboer** explained the treasurer's report for the 2024 calendar year: The full Treasurer's Report are attached to these minutes. **Moderator Redig** called for additions or corrections to the 2024 Treasurer's Report; of which there were none. Steve Hartwick asked about the Equipment fund, and Robin Danielson asked about the ARPA fund. Moderator **Redig** asked for motions to approve the Treasurer's Report as read; so moved by **Diane Crane**. This motion was seconded by **Rich Nelson.** Moderator **Redig** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

Discussion took place on the **2026 Levy**. At the Board of Audit meeting in February, the supervisors reviewed estimated needs for the township in 2026, and the board recommended the following amounts by Fund:

- General Fund: \$0
- Equipment Fund: \$42,000
- Road & Bridge Fund: \$233,100
- Fire Fund: \$12,600
- Ambulance Fund: \$12,600
- Solid Waste Fund: \$12,600
- <u>Street Lighting Fund:</u> \$1,575 TOTAL: \$314,475

Rich Nelson motioned to approve the 2026 Levy as proposed by the supervisors. This motion was seconded by Dick **Deboer**. Moderator **Redig** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

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Katie VanGundy was on hand from Houston County Fair – last year, everyone liked the tractor pull, the ag playground was a hit, looking to add permanent structures such as a zip line. They also had a carnival come in at the last minute, but this year there will not be a carnival available. The board is considering adding a permanent ag playground, that would only be open during the county fair. Also they need to add a whole new set of picnic tables. **Dick Deboer** motioned to approve a \$500 contribution to the Houston County Fair. This motion was seconded by Marion Nelson. Moderator **Redig** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

The next item on the agenda was the towns bank depositor. Steve Hartwick asked about interest rates and whether the town board was reviewing interest rates at other banks. Robin Danielson asked about banking fees. Rich Nelson motioned to stay with Rushford State Bank as the town bank depositor. This motion was seconded by Rich Schild. Moderator Redig called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

Wayne Meyer motioned to retain Terry Chiglo as the township attorney for another year. This motion was seconded by **Dick Deboer**. Moderator **Redig** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

Rich Nelson motioned to keep the same township newspapers – the Caledonia Argus, Fillmore County Journal, and the Township Website. This motion was seconded by **Rich Schild**. Moderator **Redig** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

Dick Deboer motioned to keep the same gopher and woodchuck bounties as \$2 for gophers and \$3 for woodchucks, including both pocket gophers and striped gophers. This motion was seconded by **Wayne Meyer**. Moderator **Redig** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

The final agenda item involved a requested alley vacation. Township Attorney **Terry Chiglo** explained the alley vacation process. He explained the various ways that alleyways can be vacated by a town board. He explained that today's vote is simply the beginning of a multi-step process; the next steps will be the required hearings, etc. The existing alley is currently platted as an alley, Attorney **Chiglo** confirmed. **Dustin Seekamp** asked whether the existing alley had already been vacated. **Robin Danielson** explained some information she found, however she believed that the alley was indeed vacated. Attorney **Chiglo** explained that once his research was completed, he could then give an opinion to the town board as to whether half, all, or none of the alley was already technically vacated. Attorney **Chiglo** explained that the board needs to have a survey done, and that significant legal expenses would also be incurred. Attorney **Chiglo** explained that the last time the township vacated an alleyway the landowners paid for the survey costs. Attorney **Chiglo** clarified that his recommendation would be for the town to pass the existing resolution as indicated on the existing resolution and then deal with the other alleyways as a separate project, if necessary. Moderator **Redig** called for a vote on the existing resolution. **Dustin Seekamp** motioned to approve the stated resolution prepared by Attorney **Chiglo**. This motion was seconded by **Rich Schild**. Moderator **Redig** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

This completed the scheduled list of business on the agenda for the meeting. Moderator **Reedy** opened the floor for any further issues to be discussed in the meeting.

- > Wayne Meyer asked about the new plow truck Paul responded that it is working well.
- Robin Danielson requested that the board pass some type of burning ordinance; she is concerned that one particular neighbor of hers was holding large fires. Attorney Chiglo recommended that the sheriff's department should be contacted if she is concerned about fire safety. He explained that the board cannot enact any ordinance without approval by the town electors.
- Rich Schild asked if the town board is seeing any issues with reimbursement from the federal government. Paul explained that as of right now, there are no issues we are dealing with.

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Dick Deboer motioned to set the 2026 Annual Meeting at 2:00PM on March 10, 2026. This motion was seconded by Wayne Meyer. Moderator **Redig** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

Robin Danielson motioned to adjourn the 2025 Annual Town Meeting. This motion was seconded by **Diane Crane**. Moderator **Redig** asked for any further discussion – there was none. Moderator **Redig** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of adjournment, and the meeting adjourned at 3:06PM.

Adam Florin Clerk, Money Creek Township Houston County, MN Joan Redig Money Creek Township 2025 Annual Meeting Moderator

Money Creek Township Houston County, Minnesota

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD TO INITIATE THE VACATION OF A PLATTED ALLEYS/ ROADS

WHEREAS, the issue of vacating the following described platted alleys/roads was raised and discussed at the annual town meeting of the town electors of Money Creek Township, Houston County, Minnesota on March 11, 2025; General Description of the platted alleys/roads:

The alley running East and West through the center of Block 12, South of Lots 1,2,3,4 and 5 and North of Lots 6,7,8,9, and 10 all in the original Plat of the Town of Clinton, now known as Money Creek, being a part of the NE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 12, Township 104 North, Range 7 West, Houston County, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 164.06, subd. 1 allows a town board to initiate the town road vacation procedure contained in Minn. Stat. § 164.07 upon receiving authorization of the town electors;

WHEREAS, the town electors determined that it is in the best interests of the town to authorize the town board initiate the road procedure in Minn. Stat. § 164.07 without having to obtain the petition described in Minn. Stat. § 164.07, subd. 1;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the town electors of Money Creek Township, Houston County, Minnesota hereby authorize the town board to initiate the road vacation procedure in Minn. Stat. § 164.07 regarding the above referenced platted alleys/road.

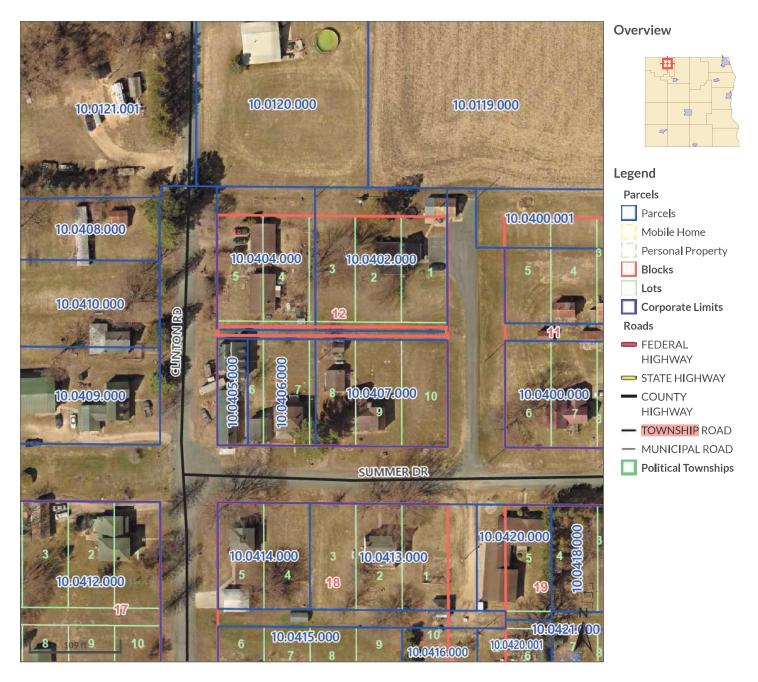
Adopted this 11th day of March, 2025

Money Creek Town Meeting Moderator

Attest:_____

Money Creek Town Clerk

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